APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 916-A asked by Sri N. K. Palanisami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 20th March 1959, page 108 supra.]

[SUBJECT—*Third Five-year Plan.*]

(*a*) & (*b*) No communication indicating a rough outline of the Third Five-Year Plan has so far been received from the Government of India.

The question of the formulation of the Third Five-Year Plan is now engaging the attention of the Planning Commission, the Central Ministries and the State Governments concerned. According to the Planning Commission, work on the preparation of the Third Plan is expected to fall broadly into four stages. The first stage consists of studies of different sets of problems and of different sectors of the economy and how they can be developed in step so as to get certain overall results. When these studies have made sufficient progress, it is proposed to put the results together and prepare a preliminary draft outline or plan-frame for the Third Plan. This will be in about a year from now. After the preliminary draft outline has been approved, detailed preparation of Central and State Plans and of Local Plans which will fit into the State Plans, will constitute the third stage. This will be completed with the preparation of a fairly full outline of the Plan more or less in its final form. This is expected to take a further year and would be the basis on which the annual plan for the first year of the Third Plan would be drawn up. The fourth stage in the formulation of the Third Plan will be the preparation of its final version for submission to the National Development Council, and to the Parliament.

Detailed preparation of the State Plan for the Third Five-Year Plan will be taken up only after the preliminary draft outline is approved by the Planning Commission. In the meantime, proposals for the constitution of working groups, parallel to those set up at the centre, in sectors such as Irrigation, Power, etc., for formulating proposals for the Third Plan are under consideration.